GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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LIVE COVERAGE OF SPORTS EVENTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are facing great hardships in according uplinking facilities to foreign satellite channels for live coverage of sports events and similarly Doordarshan is also facing difficulties in accommodating live telecast of sports events; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) As per extant uplinking guidelines, uplinking facilities are allowed from India to all TV channels, including foreign satellite channels, through permitted teleports or through VSNL, subject to fulfillment of criteria laid down in the guidelines.Doordarshan is not facing difficulties in accommodating live telecast of sports events.

(b) Does not arise.